



Building A Better Community

2018 Board Retreat v2

Sunday, August 5, 2018 10:00 am – 11:30 am

[American Jewish University](#)

15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2nd Floor, Bel Air, CA 90077

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Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
4. **Discussion of BABCNC Priorities – Facilitator Nick Greif, CD4 Director of Policy and Legislation**

Possible Questions:

From Robin, with Nick Greif’s additions:

- a. **What does the neighborhood council system stand for and how am I (a neighborhood council representative) fitting into the big picture?
Including a discussion of where do NCs sit in the City Family and are our voices heard and what does the City Charter and the Plan for a Citywide System of NCs say our role is and do we agree with that?**
- b. **How has the city changed since the neighborhood councils were formed?
What practices or ways of doings things are we using that may need to change considering the changes in the City?**
- c. **If David Ryu is recommending doing away with selections – what are the positive aspects of that system that help us better represent our neighborhood that elections could not do? How can we can communicate that to our Councilmembers so that they understand the importance of keeping selections for our community?**
- d. **How can we better utilize EmpowerLA to support our NC? Why should we continue to duplicate everything – why doesn’t Empower design banners for us all, design logos, design outreach materials for us all? What things are we doing that are duplicative that EmpowerLA could do or that we could ask other NCs to share with us?**

From Maureen Smith:

- e. **What power do NCs have when it comes to holding city departments' feet to the fire (for instance, how can we hold DPW's feet to the fire when we have energy blackouts)?**
- f. **How much autonomy do NCs really have? Where can we act more independently?**

5. Discussion of Standing Rules for all Committees

- a. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee –Leisten, Chair**
[Kennedy, Greenberg, Smith, Evans]
- b. **Emergency Preparedness Committee –Maginnis, Chair**
[M. Smith, I. Sandler, D. Palmer, JL Kennedy, R. Farber, S. Savage, M. Schlenker, R. Cornell, H. Simmons, D. Cohen & S. Hassan]
- c. **Planning & Land Use Committee –Schlesinger, Chair / Savage, Vice Chair**
[Greenberg, Miner, Kemp, Hall, Loze, Spradlin, Levinson, Weisberg, S. Twining & Y. Mieszala]
- d. **Outreach Committee –Greenberg, Chair**
[Nickie Miner, Tony Tucci, Maureen Smith, Irene Sandler, André Stojka, Matt Post & Ron Cornell]
- e. **Budget & Finance Committee – Kennedy, Chair**
[J. Hall, R. Greenberg, R. Farber & C. Wayne]
- f. **Traffic Committee – Sandler, Chair**
[Stojka, Pierson, Copcutt, Templeton, Weisberg, Farber, Greenberg]

6. Updates & Discussion with BABCNC Reps on where we are as a neighborhood council
Possible Questions:

- a. Is your participation level where you want it to be? Do you want it to be more or less?
- b. Is the direction we're going as a NC the direction you want us to go as a NC?

7. Updates & Discussion from BABCNC Liaisons

- a. **Homelessness Liaison – Leslie Weisberg & Jamie Hall**
- b. **Animal Services Liaison – Travis Longcore**
- c. **Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love**
- d. **Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy**
- e. **Resilience Liaison – Cathy Wayne**

8. Good of the Order – Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council

9. Adjournment

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